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History of the Newspaper.

In an article upon the "Press as an Educator," Judge J. J. Noah, author of the remarkable article on Hebrew education in the *Review* for 1870, gives a concise history of the press from its origin, rises and present development of the press in the great power in modern civilization, both in the United States and in foreign countries. He traces the history of newspapers back to the time when the war between the Venetians and Solymans was written upon paper. A file of these written Venetian papers, for sixty years, is in the Magliabechiana.

beach library, for sixty years, in the Magnifico beach Library at Florence. He thinks the origin of the newspaper was in a love of gossip and slander rather than from higher motives, and considers it "credible to the degree that it has, in the march of progress, achieved higher and nobler purposes." The year 1622 is given as the first authentic date of the newspaper in Italy; the first dated newspaper was published in 1702; a sheet of news with two columns, called the *Daily Courant* in 1703. The famous letters of Junius, printed in 1769, were the first to give the newspaper impetus to the power and importance of the press. At the beginning of the present century the London Times circulated only 1,000 copies; in 1800 it had increased to 10,000; and other papers was as high as 40,000. The Times in 1814, November 29th, claimed to have presented to the public "the practical and useful great improvement of the act of printing with ink, since the discovery of the art."

In the United States, the first newspaper was issued at Boston, September 25, 1689. The first paper issued in New York was in 1711. There were 1,883 periodicals issued in the United States in 1883; there were 1,000 in 1871; there were 5,885 periodicals issued in the United States in 1900. There were 371 papers in New York State, and 371 in New York City. An interesting table shows the comparative development of journalism in England and the United States. The table claims that much more money is expended on our great metropolitan journals than on any of those in Great Britain or Europe—both because our business is larger, and also because of greater enterprise on the part of publishers and

Serious Mistake for a Married Man to
Make.

A little incident occurred in front of the International Hotel, Virginia City, a few days ago which is worth the room of a fellow to relate. There resides in Gold Hill a married man—a tall, good-natured Scotsman—whose wife went on a visit to the East some months ago. A couple of weeks ago he wrote him a letter that she would leave for him and that he might expect her to arrive in Virginia City on a certain day. After he appointed time our Gold Hiller (who had scarcely talked to any living woman since his wife left for the East), anxiously waited on the sidewalk in front of the stage office to embrace his long-absent wife; and several of his friends noticed him in the crowd that thronged the place when he enthusiastically informed

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terror of horrors! could expect such a thing be true as that she was not the long-expected wife! The would-be husband, Captain Vose's, came out and announced a big, fat, coarse woman of at least one hundred and fifty pounds in weight, and throwing aside her garb, showed the white hair and the black eyes at the intruder, with this remark: "You can't fool dis gal afore all dis time!" The disappointed husband asked her to get down, and the Captain Vose's reason for not coming was that he was not the man who had kept a secret—which has been strictly observed since. His wife has since arrived, and he is now happy, but he swears he will burn the man who deceived him, when he gets the home from him. No more check shaviv for him!—[Gold Mine News]

nia. His body was placed in a coffin, and his family, at that time in Columbia. It was a very warm day, and the dog had been very faithful to his master. He had been very faithful to his master, and he had been very faithful to his master. When the coffin was removed from the hearse, he ran to the front gate, and he began to howl and manifest much excitement. When the coffin was removed from the hearse, he ran to the front gate, and he began to howl and manifest much excitement. When the coffin was removed from the hearse, he ran to the front gate, and he began to howl and manifest much excitement.

Elegant Weddings. There are elegant weddings transpiring every night in New York. The other evening I was at the most brilliant affair of the season was consummated. Ten thousand dollars were expended for flowers alone.

A very large room in the house was decorated with a tank the size of the apartment, which was filled with water, and in it were placed all the Shrubs and choice exotics bordered it all round.

flowers were adrift upon the tide. Every day was removed from the interior of the house, and garlands of roses with trailing vines supplied their place. The furniture was upholstered in velvet, of course, were fashioned in the shape of camels, and the floor was deeply strewn with choice floral carpeting. Within an hour, the bride constructed a throne for the bridegroom, and the latter gave her heart, or his credit, as he felt, to another figure in full dress. Perhaps the two will find sufficient bliss in this thoughtless display of their wealth, and will be together a couple of years. But, I'm thinking, people in these times who will throw away so much for an hours' triumph of mere display, will find time enough to regret their folly when the half crown is gone. There are not enough of the old-fashioned wedding now-a-days. The necessary aim for the young man is, first, then marry, the second is, to get a wife. The age is so advanced that it is not so fast, nor so free in license as of olden practice if we could slip back into our grand

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